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1. THE EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT THE NARCOTICS COURSE TAUGHT BY OUR IN-COUNTRY DEA AGENTS, COMPLETED ON MAY 27, IS THE MOST SUCCESSFUL COURSE TO DATE. STUDENTS TOTALLING 28 INCLUDED 15 PNCB AND OFFICERS FROM CUSTOMS, EXCISE AND TAXATION, POLICE, AIR FORCE AND NAVY. INSTRUCTORS WERE VERY PLEASED WITH THE LEVEL OF PARTICIPATION.

2. THIS COURSE WAS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE INSTRUCTORS TRAINING WITH A REVIEW OF BASIC NARCOTIC CONTROL COURSES. EACH STUDENT WAS REQUIRED TO PREPARE AND PRESENT TWO MINI-COURSES. USIS PROVIDED VIDEOTAPE FACILITIES TO TAPE EACH STUDENT'S PRESENTATION WHICH WAS THEN PRIVATELY SHOWN AND CRITIQUED. COMPETITIVE GROUP EXERCISES AND FEATURE FILMS SHOWN AFTER CLASS HOURS INCREASED INTEREST AND RAPPORT BETWEEN STUDENTS AND INSTRUCTORS.

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3. DEA INSTRUCTORS' SUCCESS IN BREAKING THROUGH NORMAL CLASS AND RANK STRUCTURES WAS MOST EVIDENT IN THE DIFFERENT BEHAVIOR SEEN BETWEEN OPENING AND GRADUATION CEREMONIES. AT OPENING, STUDENTS WERE FORMAL AND REFUSED TO JOIN GOP AND EMBASSY OFFICIALS FOR COFFEE AFTERWARDS. AT EVENING RECEPTION AND GRADUATION, STUDENTS FREELY JOINED THESE SAME

OFFICIALS TO ENTHUSIASTICALLY DISCUSS CLASS EXPERIENCES. PRESTIGE OF THE COURSE WAS ENHANCED BY PRESENCE OF SECRETARY MINISTER OF INTERIOR, AND CHAIRMAN PNCB, AT BOTH OF LATTER EVENTS AND OF DEAHRD WARNER AT GRADUATION. SECRETARY OF INTERIOR PROVIDED VERY STRONG SUPPORT FOR NARCOTICS CONTROL PROGRAM IN GRADUATION SPEECH. HE SAID THAT PROGRAM WAS TO SOLVE PAKISTAN'S PROBLEM AND NOT JUST PROBLEMS OF OTHER COUNTRIES. IN FACT, HE SAW PROBLEM AS NOT NATIONAL OR INTERNATIONAL BUT A HUMAN PROBLEM OF CONCERN TO EVERYONE.

4. ALTHOUGH WE ARE PARTICULARLY FORTUNATE IN HAVING

DEA AGENTS STATIONED IN PAKISTAN WHO HAVE SIGNIFICANT INSTRUCTOR BACKGROUND, WE WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND THIS TYPE OF COURSE FOR CONSIDERATION BY OTHER POSTS. OUR INSTRUCTORS WERE AWARE OF CULTURAL DIFFERENCES, METHODS OF OPERATION, NAMES AND PLACES WHICH MADE LECTURE PARTICULARLY MEANINGFUL TO STUDENTS. STUDENTS UNDOUBTEDLY FELT MORE AT EASE QUESTIONING INSTRUCTORS THEY MAY HAVE SEEN AROUND THE OFFICES OR WHO WERE ADDRESSING SENIOR PAKISTANI OFFICERS BY FIRST NAME THAN THEY WOULD BE WITH A TEAM OF NEWLY ARRIVED VISITING INSTRUCTORS. OUR AGENTS COULD INJECT MORE OF THE LOCAL FLAVOR INTO THE COURSE THAN WHEN THEY WERE MERELY ASSISTING A VISITING TEAM OF COLLEAGUES WHO HAD ALREADY ESTABLISHED A CLASSROOM PROCEDURE.

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5. ALTHOUGH THIS COURSE HAS BEEN VERY TIME-CONSUMING FOR OUR DEA TEAM, WE WILL STUDY FAVORABLY ANY FUTURE PROPOSALS FOR SIMILAR COURSES. THE CHAIRMAN OF PNCB HAS MENTIONED THE POSSIBILITY OF CONDUCTING A SIMILAR COURSE IN THE FUTURE BUT WITH PNCB ORGANIZING AND DIRECTING THE COURSE AND OUR DEA AGENTS AUGMENTING THE INSTRUCTION. THIS IS PRECEISELY WHAT WE HAD HOPED THIS COURSE WOULD ACCOMPLISH.
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